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For: **AQUEOUS NANOPARTICLE CERAMIC AGGLOMERATE DISPERSION
FOR FORMING INK-ABSORBING LAYER OF INK-JET RECORDING
MEDIUM**

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

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In response to the requirement for restriction of September 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

10. (New) The aqueous nanoparticle ceramic agglomerate dispersion according to claim 1, wherein the nanoparticle ceramic agglomerate is a member selected from the group consisting of SiO₂, Al₂O₃, and TiO₂.

11. (New) The aqueous nanoparticle ceramic agglomerate dispersion according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous nanoparticle ceramic agglomerate dispersion is made by subjecting nanoparticle ceramic agglomerates to treatment in a jet mill apparatus in which counter jet

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